# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
# LOK SABHA

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POPULARISATION OF AYURVEDA AT INTERNATIONAL LEVEL
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government are making efforts to popularize the Ayurveda and Ayurvedic medicines at international level;

(b) whether several countries have requested export of Ayurvedic medicines and have also invited our Ayurvedic experts to their countries;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the efforts being made by the Government to accord the international status to Ayurveda?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) From the statistics compiled by Directorate General of CommercialIntelligence and Statistics, Kolkata, export of drugs of Indian System has been reported of the order of Rs. 221.51 crores during 2000-2001.

The Govt. has received demand for experts in Indian System of Medicine, particularly for Ayurveda from various countries, namely, United States of America, United Kingdom, South Africa, Hungary and Russia.

A number of delegations have visited Germany, U.K. USA, South Africa, Switzerland, Russia, Portugal etcHowever, experts for teaching and clinical practice have not been deputed so far.

Memorandum of Understanding between the Govt. of India and the Govt of Russian Federation on Co-operation and collaboration in the field of Indian Traditional System of Medicine and Homoeopathy was signed.Also, we have `Plan of Co-operation in the field of Health and Medicine` between the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Hungary and the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare of the Republic of India for 2001-2005, signed in December, 2001.

A number of Memoranda of Understanding have been signed between Gujarat Ayurved University and institutions in foreign countries.